

Do you know  
the Lord's Prayer by heart?

If so, do you say  
“debts”, “trespasses”, or “sins”?

# “What Do You Say to God!?”

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Matthew 6:9-12 & Matthew 18:23-35 NIV<sub>2011</sub>

## Matthew 6:9-12 NIV<sub>2011</sub>

<sup>9</sup> Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
<sup>10</sup> your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.  
<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

## Matthew 18:23-35 *NIV*<sub>2011</sub>

<sup>23</sup> “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

<sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him.

<sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay,  
the master ordered that he and his wife  
and his children and all that he had be sold  
to repay the debt.

<sup>26</sup> “At this the servant fell on his knees  
before him. ‘Be patient with me,’  
he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’

<sup>27</sup> The servant’s master took pity on him,  
canceled the debt and let him go.

<sup>28</sup> “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

<sup>29</sup> “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

<sup>30</sup> “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

<sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

<sup>32</sup> “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.’

<sup>33</sup> Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’

34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

35 “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”



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## Matthew 6:14-15 *NIV*<sub>2011</sub>

<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

<sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

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<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one.

## WHAT IS A DONE DEAL ALREADY!

for yours is the kingdom

and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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“Forgiving others means that  
you must release those who have hurt you  
so that you can be healed.”

-- Rick Warren



“The heart that will not  
open to forgive others  
will remain closed when  
God’s own forgiveness is offered.”

-- N. T. Wright

“Forgiveness cannot be a one-way process. Like all God’s gifts, it brings responsibility; it must be passed on. To ask forgiveness on any other basis is hypocrisy.”

-- R. T. France

“If we say, ‘I will never forgive so-and-so  
for what he or she has done to me’...  
and we pray this petition [from the Lord’s  
Prayer]...  
then we are asking God not to forgive us.”

-- William Barclay

## ACTION STEP #1:

### Assess your debt and seek help

Matthew 18:24, 26 *NIV*<sub>2011</sub>

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ten thousand bags of gold was brought  
to him.

... <sup>26</sup> At this the servant fell on his knees  
before him.

## ACTION STEP #1:

### Assess your debt and seek help (*continued*)

1 John 1:8-9 *NIV*<sub>2011</sub>

<sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin,  
we deceive ourselves and  
the truth is not in us.

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful  
and just and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

## ACTION STEP #2

### Start forgiveness proceedings ASAP

Matthew 18:28 *NIV*<sub>2011</sub>

<sup>28</sup> “But when that servant went out,  
he found one of his fellow servants  
who owed him a hundred silver coins ...

## ACTION STEP #2

### Start forgiveness proceedings ASAP (*continued*)

Matthew 5:23-24 *NIV*<sub>2011</sub>

<sup>23</sup> “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you,

<sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

## ACTION STEP #3

**If you cannot forgive, don't give up**

+ Life's Healing Choices

+ “Celebrate Recovery”



Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who have sinned against us.

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